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Dear JoAnne Deneron:

**Westcoast Energy Inc. (Westcoast)  
Abandonment Application for the Pointed Mountain Pipeline  
Application under Part 3, subsection 241(1) of the *Canadian Energy Regulator  
Act (CER Act)*  
Preliminary Screening Notification**

**Before: M. Chartier, Presiding Commissioner; W. Jacknife, Commissioner;  
S. Luciuk, Commissioner**

On 2 February 2022, Westcoast applied to the Canada Energy Regulator (**CER**) to abandon approximately 55 kilometres (**km**) of the Pointed Mountain Pipeline (Project) in-place. The Project involves a 508 millimetre (20 inch) natural gas pipeline crossing the southwest corner of the Northwest Territories, southeast corner of the Yukon and northeast corner of British Columbia. The pipeline is deactivated and has no prospective future use. Westcoast is planning to take it permanently out of service and into the abandonment phase ([C17537](#)).

Paragraph 74(1)(d) of the *National Energy Board Act*, and hence the equivalent section 241 of the CER Act, triggers the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act (MVRMA)* requirements to be conducted prior to deciding an application. As a designated regulatory agency under the MVRMA, the Commission of the CER (**Commission**) has initiated a preliminary screening of the Project pursuant to subsection 124 (1) of the MVRMA and Schedule 1, Part 1 of the MVRMA *Preliminary Screening Requirements Regulations*.

Also in accordance with subsection 124(1) of the MVRMA, the Commission hereby notifies the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board of receipt of Westcoast's application for the Project and of the release of the Commission's Notice of Preliminary Screening ([C20518](#)).

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If you have any questions regarding the Commission's preliminary screening or assessment process, please contact Tony Epp, Process Advisor, by email at [wpma.processhelp@cer-rec.gc.ca](mailto:wpma.processhelp@cer-rec.gc.ca) or by telephone at 1-800-899-1265.

Yours sincerely,

*Signed by K. McAllister*

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